

Existing constitution and existing law create and provide for two fire and police civil service systems:

- (1) One applicable to any municipality which operates paid police and fire departments and which has a population of not fewer than 13,000 persons.
- (2) One applicable to any parish, fire protection district, or municipality with a population of fewer than 13,000 but not fewer than 7,000 persons.

Existing constitution authorizes modifications to such systems (by law adopted by 2/3 of each house of the legislature in the case of provisions of Art. XIV, §15.1 of the 1921 Constitution made statutory by the Constitution of 1974) but prohibits the legislature from abolishing the system or making it inapplicable to covered jurisdictions.

Existing law provides for local civil service boards which operate the civil service system in particular jurisdictions and relative to membership of such boards. Provides that such a board shall include employee-members from the services governed by such board. Requires that any employee serving as a member of a board shall occupy a position or office lower than chief, assistant chief, district chief, or battalion chief.

New law clarifies that an employee-member from either service shall occupy a position lower than chief or assistant chief and that an employee-member from the fire service shall occupy a position or office lower than district chief or battalion chief. Adds requirement that an employee-member from the police service occupy a position or office lower than major.

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